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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of:  
Applicant: Nicholas Bouthors et al.  
For : DATA CONSULTATION OPTIMISATION METHOD, BY  
MEANS OF A NETWORK ARCHITECTURE COMPONENT  
Our File : C66.12-0005

Dear Sir:

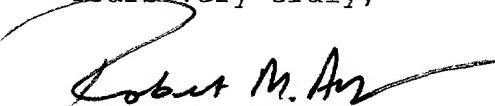
Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection  
with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.  
29 pages Specification  
9 pages claims  
1 page Abstract
2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
(3 pages).
3. 6 sheets of drawings.
4. File Data Sheet
5. Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form - 1449  
and cited references

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Claiming Small Entity Status (if applicable) will be filed  
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